

Minnesota Archaeological Society

NEWSLETTER



Spring 2008

***"Digging up
Whiskey Row:
2007
Excavations at
the Historic
Townsite of
Agate Bay"***

Tim Tumberg
*Minnesota
Historical Society*

**7 p.m.
February 19**

**Ft. Snelling
Auditorium**

"This talk will review some of the historic accounts of Agate Bay, located along the north shore of Lake Superior within the present day limits of the City of Two Harbors; discuss how historical archaeology can add to the completeness of the historic record; explain what has been done archaeologically to this point; and propose what will be undertaken during the 2008 field season."



MIKE BUDAK MEMORIAL FUND

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce plans for an Occasional Publication dedicated to the memory of Mike Budak, a long-time MAS member and accomplished archaeologist, researcher and educator. It is especially fitting that the publication will feature Grand Mound, the historic site that Mike managed for 18 years, as its theme.

Papers planned for inclusion in this volume include manuscripts written by Mike that have not been published elsewhere. There will also be papers by National Park Service and Minnesota Historical Society archaeologists, among others, on the nature and significance of the site and its long history of investigations.

Your generous donations to the Mike Budak Memorial Fund will partially support the publication of this special volume, due out in 2009. We continue to solicit and welcome your donations to the fund in support of this permanent memorial to the life and work of Mike Budak.

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CHECK THE LABEL ON THIS NEWSLETTER! It indicates the most recent year for which you've paid your dues. If it does not say "07," please consider updating your membership. If you have received the 2006 *Minnesota Archaeologist* you know that being a member of MAS has its advantages. If you receive the newsletter via e-mail you may not know your current membership status. Contact Anna Morrow at anmorrow@earthlink.com and she can check the records for you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Archaeological Institute of America: Reports from the Field:

- Andy Overman**, Professor of Classics, Macalester College, Director, Excavations at Omrit
- Joe Rife**, Assistant Professor of Classics, Macalester College, Director, Kenchreai Excavations
6:00 PM, John B. Davis Lecture Hall, Macalester College

Friday, February 8, 2008

Maya Society Lecture: *Cycles of Development from Ancient to Modern Times in the Yalahau Region of the Yucatan Peninsula
Scott Fedick

7:30 pm, Drew Science 118, Hamline University. Free to members, students, and Hamline faculty and staff. \$5 general public.

Saturday, February 9, 2008

***Maya Society Workshop: Ancient Maya Agriculture and Land Management: Assessing Ancient Maya Sustainability** Scott Fedick

9:00 a.m.-12 noon (9 a.m. gathering for coffee), Giddens Learning Center 6s (the Anthropology Lab), Hamline University. Free to members, students, and Hamline faculty and staff. \$5 general public.

Thursday, February 19, 2008

Minnesota Archaeological Society Free Lecture: Digging up Whiskey Row: 2007 Excavations at the Historic Townsite of Agate Bay

Tim Tumberg

7 p.m., Ft. Snelling Auditorium

March 6, 2008

Archaeological Institute of America Feature Speaker: The Archaeological Excavations at Kiltasheen, Co. Roscommon

Thomas Finan

6:00 PM at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts

<http://www.archaeological.org/webinfo.php?page=10224&lid=26#abstract>

Thomas Finan is Assistant Professor of Medieval Studies at the University of St. Louis, St. Louis MO. He is responsible for bringing international programs to the home campus of Webster University, and acts as a resource for faculty and students who participate in study abroad opportunities. He also directs the International Studies BA and Certificate programs. Thomas Finan is also Visiting Research Scholar in the Department of History at St. Louis University. His primary research interests include the history and archaeology of Gaelic Ireland, thirteenth and fourteenth century bardic poetry, the history and theology of the Gaelic church in medieval Ireland and the ideology of nationalism in medieval Ireland. Dr. Finan is director of the Settlement in the Medieval Diocese of Elphin research project. The goals of this long-term project are to identify the local parish churches in the medieval diocese of Elphin, Co. Roscommon, Ireland, to survey the extant remains, and to establish the form and function of those individual churches with the diocese and wider medieval Irish church.

Friday, March 7, 2008

***Maya Society Lecture: Finding Maize in Formative Mexican Pottery**

Robert Thompson

7:30 pm – Drew Science 118.

Saturday, March 8, 2008

***Maya Society Workshop: Archaeology Behind the Microscope: Food Residues as a Small Feature**

Robert Thompson

9:00 a.m.-12 noon (9 a.m. gathering for coffee), Giddens Learning Center 6s (the Anthropology Lab), Hamline University. Free to members, students, and Hamline faculty and staff. \$5 general public.

March 26-March 30, 2008

SAA 73rd Annual Meeting

Vancouver, BC Canada

https://ecommerce.saa.org/saa/source/meetings/meetings_home.cfm?section=events

Thursday, April 3, 2008

Archaeological Institute of America:

The Ancient Maya: What We Thought We Knew, What We Think We Know, and What We Would Like to Know

Skip Messenger

6 PM in the John B. Davis Auditorium at Macalester College

*** MAYA SOCIETY LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS:**

Unless otherwise indicated, all lectures are in Drew Science Building (south of Old Main) and workshops are in Giddens Learning Center (southeast corner of Hewitt and Snelling) at Hamline University, Hewitt Ave. & Snelling Ave., St. Paul (for a campus map, see: http://www.hamline.edu/visitors/PDF/campus_map.pdf). Programs are co-sponsored by Hamline University's Department of Anthropology and are made possible through the generous support of MSM members and friends. Parking is free. For more information, contact Skip Messenger (951)-475-9149, smessenger@hamline.edu.

Send your MAS news and notices to the Editor:

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Volunteer Opportunities

MAS members who would like to put in some hands-on time have several opportunities this year. To get more information about these current projects, please contact the individuals listed.

Archaeology Lab Night: Every Thursday evening, volunteers gather at the MHS Archaeology Lab, located at Fort Snelling History Center, to process and analyze artifacts excavated from archaeological sites around the state. No specific time commitment is required; you can tailor your participation to your schedule. For more information, please contact Volunteer Services at the Minnesota Historical Society: **651-297-2605** or volunteerservices@mnhs.org.

MAS Newsletter Editor: The Society is looking for someone who would enjoy putting together our quarterly newsletter and sending it to our membership, electronic and print. Costs are covered by the Society. The newsletter conveys important news and upcoming events to the archaeological community and maintains a prominent spot in the Upper Midwest as a venue for communication among interested persons and institutions. Please contact Debbie Schoenholz at schoe030@tc.umn.edu or **612-374-5886** if you are interested in this fun and rewarding position.



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